

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Chair Eleanor R. Montano  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
John Hammargren  
Carl Moore

**Absent**

James Cragin  
Michael Russell

**Others Present**

B. Eugene Romig, Commission Serv.  
Sherry Scates, Commission Staff

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2005**

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 26, 2005 were approved as submitted.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montano expressed her disappointment at the low turn-out of Department Managers at the Commission's January 26, 2005, Quarterly Roundtable Meeting. Following discussion, staff was instructed to prepare a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing the Commission's concern.

Chair Montano distributed a list of *Developmental Stages and Children's Response to Grief*, which describes age-appropriate strategies to assist children in dealing with the death of a loved one or caregiver. (Copy on file)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported that the balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$588.91.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Sherry Scates, Commission Staff, reported the following:

- DCFS forwarded the Do Not Use/Refer List and an updated DCFS Group Homes Directory, and are working on the remainder of the information requested by the Commission; and
- Copies of a recent news article regarding a joint pilot project between the Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement was distributed, which highlights the Sheriff's Department's role in identifying foreign-born inmates convicted of serious crimes for possible deportation.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

### **DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION'S 2004 CHARITABLE FUND**

Following discussion, Commissioners agreed to donate \$50 each to the Memorial funds for Sheriff's Deputy James Tutino and to Manuel Alcala, civilian Facilities Management employee, killed in the Metrolink train accident on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS**

#### **Hope House – 56#2**

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on January 27<sup>th</sup> and gave a rating of **Excellent** with no areas of concern observed or reported.

#### **Eggleston Youth Center – 32#1**

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on January 27<sup>th</sup> and gave a rating of **Satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported.

### **L.A. Youth Network – 61#2**

Commissioners Bacio and Moore visited this facility on January 13<sup>th</sup> and gave a rating of **Needs Improvement**. Areas of concern: Tile in kitchen needs replacing; vent in kitchen floor needs to be repaired; front side of a kitchen drawer needs to be replaced; sink is missing in the bathroom near the kitchen area; bathroom tub needs cleaning and caulking; and the broken glass in the backyard is a safety hazard and needs to be removed.

### **Drice Group Home/40<sup>th</sup> Place – 30#3**

Commissioners Bacio and Moore re-inspected this facility on February 1<sup>st</sup> and gave a rating of **Satisfactory**. Commissioners noted that the unsatisfactory conditions reported on their previous inspection had been corrected.

### **House of Bethesda – 56#3**

Chair Montano re-inspected this facility on January 28<sup>th</sup> and gave a rating of **Satisfactory**. Chair Montano noted that the unsatisfactory conditions reported on the Commission's previous inspection had been corrected.

### **Manna Manor/Neptune – 67#2**

Chair Montano re-inspected this facility on January 31<sup>st</sup> and gave a rating of **Satisfactory**. Chair Montano noted that she was advised by a State Licensing Analyst, who was also conducting an inspection that this facility was currently on probation.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Montano assigned inspection duties to Commissioners for the following week.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Sherry Scates*

**Commission Staff**